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## TRINIDAD INVITED TO SUBMIT PROP 84 GRANTS

Yesterday the City of Trinidad was included in elite number of cities and counties that were invited to submit finalized grant applications for water quality improvement projects. Funding for the two projects in Trinidad totaling \$5,000,000 will come from the California State Water Resources Control Board. The source of the funding will be Proposition 84 bond money, which was approved by California voters in 2006.

"This is a significant accomplishment for the small town of Trinidad," said Mayor Chi-Wei Lin. When the final applications are completed and approved, Trinidad will be receiving over 14% of the total funds available Statewide. "These will be good projects for our environment and for our economy," said Mayor Lin.

In the first project, the City is partnering with the Trinidad Rancheria on the reconstruction of a new Trinidad Pier. The second grant was completed by the City's engineering firm, Winzler & Kelly, and will be for a Stormwater Management Project in the City. Both of these projects will address water quality issues in Trinidad Bay's "Area of Special Biological Significance" (ASBS). These projects follow on a two-year planning effort that recently resulted in the adopted Watershed Management Plan for the Trinidad area.

Final approval of the two grant applications is expected in early 2009, and completed project design and construction could begin as soon as Fall of next year.